



MINUTES

HOUSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, February 12, 2021 | 8:00 a.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox, Chair
Rep. Jefferson S. Burton, Vice Chair
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Matthew H. Gwynn
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Marsha Judkins
Rep. Kelly B. Miles
Rep. Paul Ray

Rep. Angela Romero

Members Absent:

Rep. Mike Schultz
Rep. Andrew Stoddard

Staff Present:

John Feinauer, Policy Analyst
An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Wilcox called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Gwynn moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2021. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-7

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. K. Miles
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

1 . S.J.R. 9 Joint Resolution on Jail Facilities (*Hinkins, D.*)

Sen. David Hinkins presented the resolution to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to pass S.J.R. 9 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-7

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. K. Miles
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

2 . S.B. 51 Group Gang Enhancement Amendments (*Thatcher, D.*)

Sen. Daniel Thatcher presented the bill. Monica Diaz, Sentencing Commission, was available to answer questions.

Kathryn Balmforth, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Chief Ken Wallentine, West Jordan Police Department, spoke in support of the bill.

Bliss Tew, Support Your Local Police, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Burton moved to replace S.B. 51 with 1st Substitute S.B. 51. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. K. Miles
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

MOTION: Rep. Gwynn moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 51 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. K. Miles
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

3 . H.B. 283 Community and Police Relations Commission (*Wheatley, M.*)

Rep. Mark Wheatley presented the bill with the assistance of Commissioner Jess Anderson, Department of Public Safety.

Ken Wallentine spoke in support of the bill.

Jeanetta Williams, President, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Salt Lake City Branch, spoke in support of the bill.

Kathryn Balmforth spoke in opposition to the bill.

Joseph Rummel, United Citizens Alarm, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Bliss Tew spoke in opposition to the bill.

John Park, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in support of the bill.

Kris Kimball, United Women's Forum, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Sharon Anderson, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Brent Hunt, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Gwynn moved to replace H.B. 283 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 283. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. K. Miles
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

MOTION: Rep. Gwynn moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 283 out favorably.

Rep. Gwynn's motion to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 283 out favorably passed with a vote of 7 - 1 - 3.

Yeas-7

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Romero

Nays-1

Rep. R. Wilcox

Absent-3

Rep. K. Miles
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

4 . S.B. 117 Human Smuggling Amendments (*Escamilla (Robles), L.*)

[Human Smuggling Amendments](#)

Sen. Luz Escamilla presented the bill with the assistance of Daniel Strong, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Utah Attorney General (UAGO). A handout was provided.

Kris Kimball spoke in support of the bill.

Maryanne Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in support of the bill.

Steve Garside, Statewide Association of Prosecutors (SWAP), spoke in support of the bill.

Jeanetta Williams spoke in support of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Burton moved to pass S.B. 117 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

5 . 1st Sub. S.B. 102 Peace Officer Training Qualifications Amendments (*Mayne, K.*)

Sen. Karen Mayne presented the bill to the committee.

Steve Garside spoke in support of the bill.

Ken Wallentine spoke in support of the bill.

John Park spoke in support of the bill.

Brian Baggs, Weber County Sheriff's Office, spoke in support of the bill.

Jeanetta Williams spoke in support of the bill.

Robert Babcock, resident, spoke in support of the bill.

Rep. Burton assumed the chair.

Chief Chad Soffe, Woods Cross Police Department and Utah Chiefs of Police Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Rep. Wilcox resumed the chair.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 102 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-8

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

6 . H.B. 245 Forcible Entry and Warrants Amendments (Hall, C.)

Rep. Craig Hall presented the bill with the assistance of Connor Boyack, Libertas Institute.

Jeanetta Williams spoke in support of the bill.

Marina Lowe, American Civil Liberties Union, spoke in support of the bill.

Ken Wallentine spoke in opposition to the bill.

Chad Soffe spoke in opposition to the bill.

Special Agent Nate Mutter, Assistant Chief of Investigations for UAGO, and also representing the Law Enforcement Legislative Committee and the Utah Sheriffs Association, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Heather Andrews, State Director, Americans for Prosperity - Utah, spoke in support of the bill.

Steve Garside, representing SWAP and the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to hold H.B. 245. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.



Yeas-7

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

MOTION:

Rep. Ray moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-7

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

Chair Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.